

ESSEX COUNTY  
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

LAKE SALTONSTALL OUTLET  
MA-00164

NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

## LAKE SALTONSTALL OUTLET

Identification No.: MA 00164  
Stream: Tributary of Merrimack River  
Town: Haverhill  
County and State: Essex County, Massachusetts

The dam at Lake Saltonstall is an earth embankment and stone masonry structure. Its dimensions are 6 feet high by 80 feet long. The only known outlet is a gated intake structure which is connected to a storm drainage system and discharges at the Merrimack River, about a half mile downstream.

According to Corps Guidelines, the dam has a small size classification and a low hazard potential. The maximum failure discharge would be about 190 cfs. Field survey information shows that the top of dam is at elevation 121 $\pm$ . The access road near Mill Street has a low elevation of 118.67 $\pm$ . Therefore, water in the Lake below elevation 118.67 cannot be discharged due to dam failure. The access road acts as a dam to retain the failure outflow.

The 190 cfs failure outflow, which overflows the access road, will flow along Mill Street towards Route 97 and the Merrimack River. Flood depths on Mill Street will be about 0.75 feet. At Route 97, the flood depth will decrease substantially as the flood impact area increases.

Residential structures along Mill Street are about 3 to 4 feet higher than the road level and will not be damaged by flood

water. At Route 97, there are several businesses which could receive minor flood (less than 1 foot deep) damage. Loss of life is not apparent.







PHOTO NO. 1 - Upstream view of Lake Saltonstall Dam. The intake structure with intake screen, is at the center of the photo. This is the only known inlet. This structure outlets to a drain line in adjacent service road.



PHOTO NO. 2 - View of downstream face of Dam. The Dam is about 6 ft. high and 80 ft. long. It is an earth embankment, stone masonry structure. The top elevation of the Dam is 121±.





PHOTO NO. 3 - This photo shows the immediate downstream area and service road. The "low" area to the right acts as a retention area. Drainage outlet, if any from this area, is unknown. Mill Street can be seen at the end of the access road. The access road's lowest elevation is 118.67, about 2.33 ft. below the top of Dam, at this location.



PHOTO NO. 4 - This photo was taken at the intersection of the access road and Mill Street (Sta. 6+00). The elevation of the access road (foreground) is 118.67. The elevation of Mill street at center of photo near location of cars, is 110±. Bordman Street comes into this intersection from the left, near the cemetery. Flood depth in this area will be about 1.2 ft. All inhabitable structures are above this level.





PHOTO NO. 5 - This photo was taken at the intersection of Mill and Bordman Streets (Sta. 11+00). It was taken looking south along Mill Street. All habitable structures are above the street level by several feet. Flood depth here is about 0.75 ft.



PHOTO NO. 6 - This photo (Sta. 16+00) was taken at Mill and Summer Streets. Here again, there are no habitable structures within 3 ft. of the road level. Flood depth is about 0.75 ft. The intersection at Route 97 (Sta. 24+00) and the Merrimack River (Sta. 26+00) can be seen at the center of the photo.





PHOTO NO. 7 - This shows the intersection of Route 97 and Mill Street, looking to the east. River Street enters from the right side. Water depth here will be 0.75 ft. and less as it begins to flow onto Route 97 and River Street. Flood damage at these structures would be limited to some flooding of first floor areas. Possible loss of life not indicated as flood water depth should be reduced to 6 inches or less as the flood water impact area increases.



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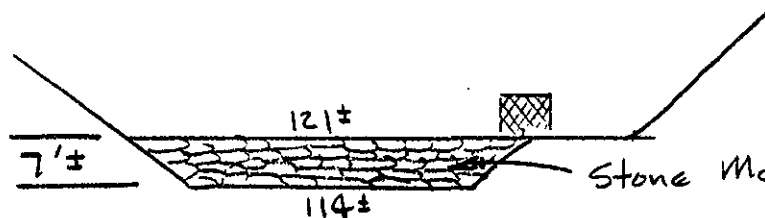
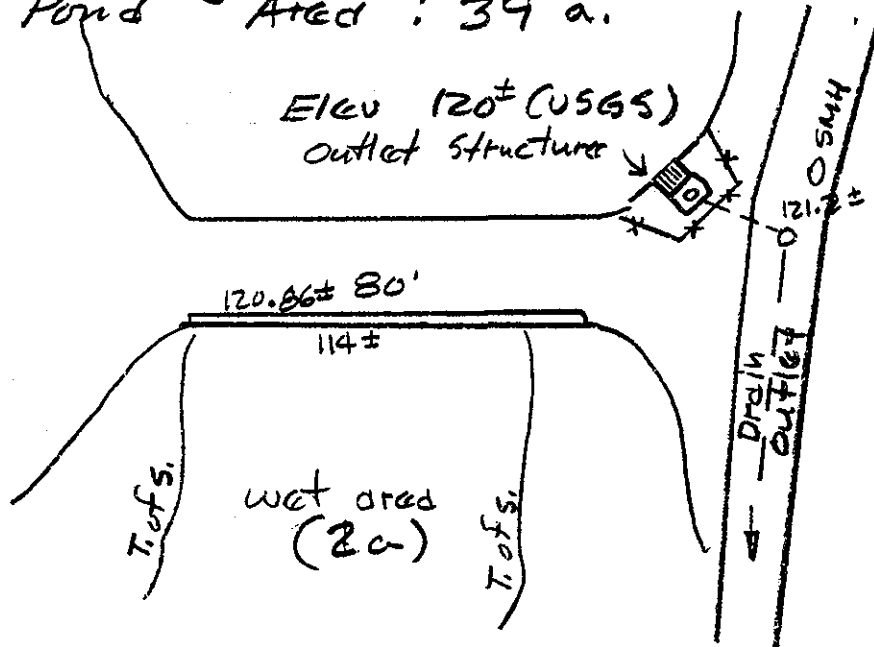


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 CLIENT CUE

## Lake Saltonstall Outlet

Drainage Area:  $228^{\pm}$  a or 0.36 s.m.  
 Pond Area: 39 a.



$$\text{Max Storage} = 6 \times 39 = 234^{\pm} \text{ a} - \text{t}$$

## FAILURE OUTFLOW

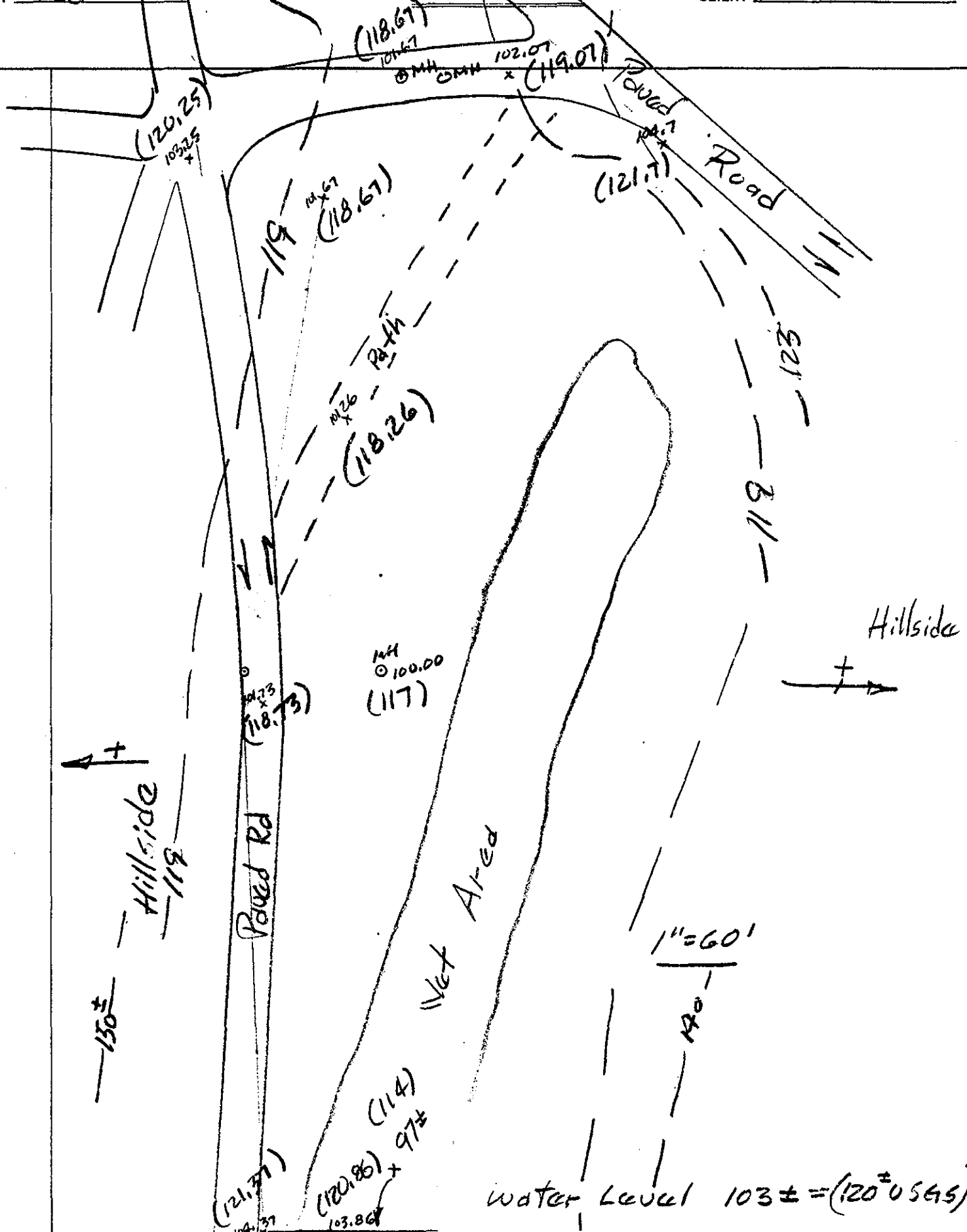
$$Q = \frac{8}{27} \times (0.4 \times 80) \times \sqrt{32.2} \times (2.33)^{1.5} = 190^{\pm} \text{ cfs}$$

Dam cannot fail & discharge water below the road (sta 6+00) elev of 118.67.

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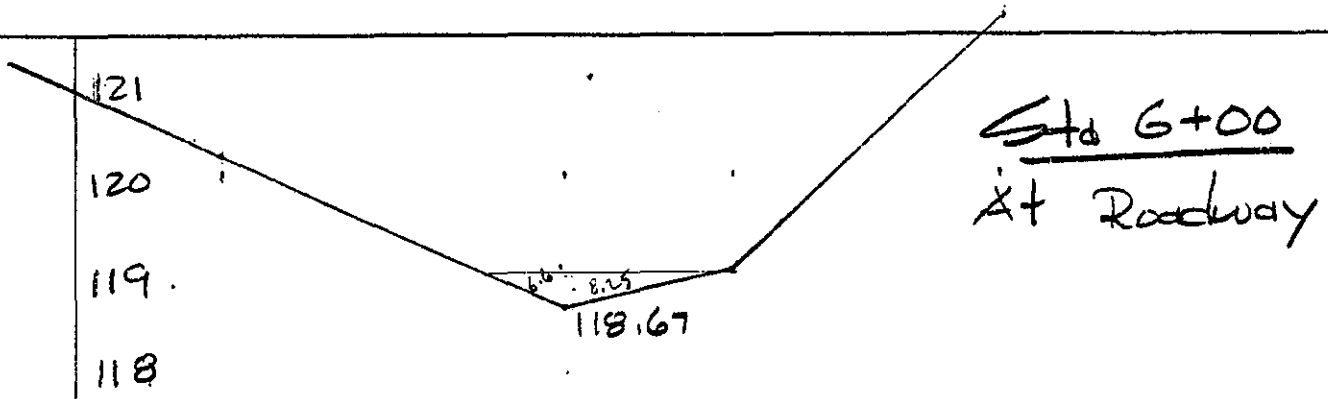
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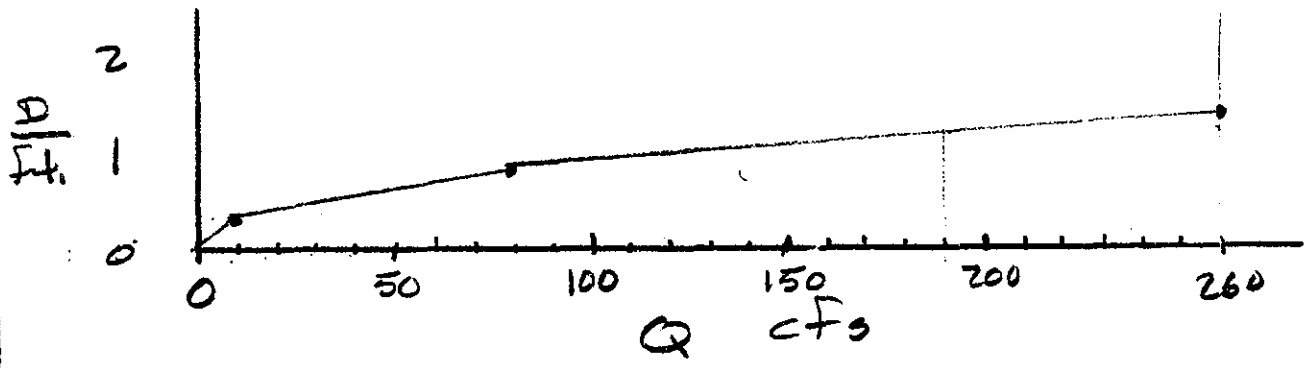
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$$V = \frac{1.486}{0.035} (R^{2/3}) (0.0038)^{1/2} = R^{2/3} (2.65)$$

<u>D</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>R<sup>2/3</sup> (2.65)</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>Q</u>
0.33	70'	12 sf	0.31	"	0.81 cfs
0.83	120'	52 "	0.57	"	1.51
1.33	170'	120 "	0.79	"	2.60
2.33	265	340	1.18	"	3.13



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SHEET NO. 4  
JOB DAMS  
SUBJECT Salt Pond  
CLIENT CoE

Sta 6+00

Water Stored in Pond at time of  
Failure =  $91 \pm \cdot a-f$  (depth = 2.33')

Water stored behind roadway  
 $\approx 2a-f / ft.$

$$Q_{P_1} = 190 \text{ cfs} \quad E_{l_1} = 1.2$$

$$Stor_1 = 1.2 \times 2 = 2.4$$

$$Q_{P_2} = 190 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2.4}{91}\right) = 185 \text{ cfs}$$

$$E_{l_2} = 1.2 \pm$$

$$Q_{P_3} = 185 \text{ cfs} \quad E_{L_2} = 120 \pm$$

at Sta 6+00



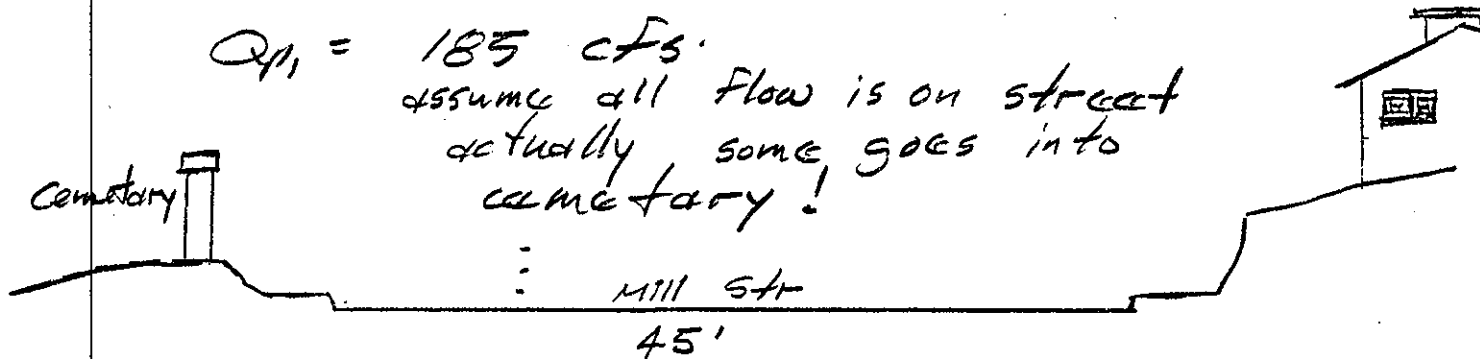
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SHEET NO. 5  
 JOB DAMS  
 SUBJECT St. Helen St. 11  
 CLIENT COE

Sta 1400



$$Q_{p1} = 185 \text{ cfs}$$

assume all flow is on street  
 actually, some goes into  
 cemetery!

$$S = \frac{118.67 - 110}{500} = 0.01734$$

$$V = \frac{1.486}{0.035} R^{2/3} (0.01734)^{1/2} = R^{2/3} (5.591)$$

$\frac{D}{F}$	$\frac{WP}{F}$	$\frac{A}{SF}$	$\frac{R^{2/3}}{-}$	$\frac{(5.591)}{-}$	$\frac{V}{fps}$	$\frac{Q}{cfs}$
1	52	53	1.01	"	5.65	299
0.5	46	22.5	0.62	"	3.46	78

$$Q_{p1} = 185 \quad E1_1 = 0.75 \quad \text{stor } 1 = 0.8 - a - f$$

$$Q_{p2} = 185 \left(1 - \frac{0.8}{91}\right) = 183 \text{ cfs}$$

$$E1_2 \approx 0.75$$

$$Q_{p3} = 185 \text{ cfs} \quad \text{Elev} \approx 110.75 \pm$$

no effect storage reduction

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SHEET NO. 6  
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SUBJECT 3d Henshall  
CLIENT COE

Sta 26+00

Flow section effectively same  
as sta 6+00.

$$Q_{p1} = 183 \quad E_{l1} = 0.75 \quad \text{stor}_1 = 2.63 \text{ a-f}$$

$$Q_{p2} = 183 \left(1 - \frac{2.63}{91}\right) = 178 \text{ cfs}$$

$$E_{l2} = 0.75 \pm \quad \text{stor}_2 = 2.53$$

$$Q_{p3} = 183 \left(1 - \frac{2.58}{91}\right) = 178 \text{ cfs}$$

$$D = 0.75 \text{ ft} \pm$$

Water will flow across intersection  
0.75 ft. deep (max) or less. It  
will flow along route 97 & river  
street.

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20 August 1981

City of Haverhill  
City Hall  
Haverhill, MA 01830

Gentlemen:

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If you have any questions concerning this report, we suggest you contact the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Quality Engineering first; then if there are further questions contact Mr. Gould, Project Management Branch, Engineering Division of this office at (617) 894-2400, extension 313.

Sincerely,

Incl  
as stated

JOE B. FRYAR  
Chief, Engineering Division

CF: Mr. Gould  
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Engineering  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

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